

PTO/SB/Z1 (02-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

|   |                        |                |
|---|------------------------|----------------|
| <b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b><br>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) | Application Number     | 10/804,504     |
|   | Filing Date            | March 19, 2004 |
|   | First Named Inventor   | Rolf Dietrich  |
|   | Art. Unit              | 3617           |
|   | Examiner Name          |                |
| Total Number of Pages in This Submission  | Attorney Docket Number | 178.0059       |

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
JUL 02 2004  
OFFICIAL

| ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached  | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition   | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After Final   | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer                              |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement         | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund                               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)              | <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application    | Remarks   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 |   |   |

| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| Firm or Individual name                    | David C. Purdue        |
| Signature                                  | <i>David C. Purdue</i> |
| Date                                       | July 2, 2004           |

| CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below. |                           |
| Typed or printed name   | Kristina M. Harper        |
| Signature   | <i>Kristina M. Harper</i> |
| Date  | July 2, 2004              |

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 02 2004

OFFICIAL  
PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of )  
Rolf Dietrich )  
Serial No: 10/804,504 )  
Filed: March 19, 2004 )  
For: Spoke For a Tensioned Spoked Wheel )  
Assembly )

Group Art Unit: 3617  
Attorney Docket: 178.0059

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This application is a continuation-in-part of applicant's prior application Serial No. 10/262,315 filed September 30, 2002 and that application is now abandoned. Applicant is submitting an IDS listing prior art that is of record in his prior application and that was either cited by the applicant in an IDS or was cited by the Examiner. The most material prior art listed on the IDS is discussed either in the specification of the subject application or in a four page communication that was submitted with the continuation-in-part. The other references appear to be only generally relevant. Copies of the references are not being supplied pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d). Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
David C. Purdue, Reg. No. 31,412

Purdue Law Offices  
2735 N. Holland-Sylvania Road, Ste. B-2  
Toledo, OH 43615-1844  
Voice (419) 531-0599  
Fax (419) 531-0362

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0851-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

|  |                        |                          |                |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Substitute for form 1449/PTO   |                        | <b>Complete if Known</b> |                |
| <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE<br/>STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b><br><i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i> |                        | Application Number       | 10/804,504     |
|  |                        | Filing Date              | March 19, 2004 |
|  |                        | First Named Inventor     | Rolf Dietrich  |
|  |                        | Art Unit                 | 3617           |
|  |                        | Examiner Name            |                |
| Sheet 1 of 2   | Attorney Docket Number | 178.0059                 |                |

| U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS |                       |  |                                |  |   |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Examiner Initials*     | Cite No. <sup>1</sup> | Document Number                          | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where<br>Relevant Passages or Relevant<br>Figures Appear |
|                        |                       | Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known) |                                |  |   |
|                        |                       | US- 6,431,035                            | 08-13-2002                     | Hendrikse et al.                                   |   |
|                        |                       | US- 5,350,221                            | 09-1994                        | Pearce et al.                                      |   |
|                        |                       | US- 6,189,978                            | 02-20-2001                     | Lacombe et al.                                     |   |
|                        |                       | US- 4,729,605                            | 03-08-1988                     | Imao et al.  |   |
|                        |                       | US- 1,558,126                            | 10-20-1925                     | Stoler   |   |
|                        |                       | US- 1,578,076                            | 03-23-1926                     | Cook   |   |
|                        |                       | US- 1,660,319                            | 02-28-1928                     | Ash  |   |
|                        |                       | US- 5,779,323                            | 07-14-1998                     | Mike Burrows                                       |   |
|                        |                       | US- 6,068,348                            | 05-30-2000                     | Okajima et al.                                     |   |
|                        |                       | US- 3,894,777                            | 07-15-1975                     | Ryoichi Yamada                                     |   |
|                        |                       | US- 598,620                              | 02-08-1898                     | Allen  |   |
|                        |                       | US- 6,036,279                            | 03-14-2000                     | Valentino Campagnolo                               |   |
|                        |                       | US- 1,216,474                            | 02-20-1917                     | Lindsay  |   |
|                        |                       | US-                                      |                                |  |   |
|                        |                       | US-                                      |                                |  |   |
|                        |                       | US-                                      |                                |  |   |
|                        |                       | US-                                      |                                |  |   |
|                        |                       | US-                                      |                                |  |   |
|                        |                       | US-                                      |                                |  |   |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS          |                          |   |                     |  |   |                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--|---|----------------|
| Examiner<br>Initials <sup>4</sup> | Cite<br>No. <sup>1</sup> | Foreign Patent Document   | Publication<br>Date | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines,<br>Where Relevant Passages<br>Or Relevant Figures Appear | T <sup>6</sup> |
|                                   |                          | Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known) | MM-DD-YYYY          |  |   |                |
|                                   |                          |   |                     |  |   |                |
|                                   |                          |   |                     |  |   |                |
|                                   |                          |   |                     |  |   |                |
|                                   |                          |   |                     |  |   |                |
|                                   |                          |   |                     |  |   |                |
|                                   |                          |   |                     |  |   |                |
|                                   |                          |   |                     |  |   |                |
|                                   |                          |   |                     |  |   |                |

Examiner  
SignatureDate  
Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.18 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

**Complete If Known**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Attorney Docket Number | 178-0059 |
|------------------------|----------|

2

Date  
Considered

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Best Available Copy